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SUBJECT: KARAME AND SYRIAN INTERVENTION

1. KARAME TOLD FRENCH AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY, AS HE HAD EARLIER ME, THAT MASSIVE SYRIAN INTERVENTION AFTER ELECTION IS A MUST. THEREFORE, U.S. AND FRENCH SHOULD REMOVE THEIR OBJECTIONS TO THE MOVE.

2. KARAME SAID HE HAS SAID THIS ONLY TO FRENCH AND US. THIS IS, I THINK, TRUE. WITH OTHER AMBASSADOR I'VE TALKED TO HE WAS MUCH MORE CAUTIOUS AND WARILY-WORDED.

3. KARAME ENVISAGES A SHORT, DECISIVE ACTION AFTER WHICH MASSS OF SYRIAN INTERVENTION WOULD WITHDRAW, LEAVING GARRISON FORCES BEHIND. HE DISMISSED IDEA THAT PALESTINIANS WOULD FIGHT, SAYING THEY HAVEN'T REASONS TO DO SO, AND COULD BE SHOVED BACK INTO THEIR CAMPS AND STRIPPED OV HEAVY ARMS.

4. THERE'S A LOT OF WISHFUL THINKING AROUND HERE.
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